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SENATE BILL NO. 167

BY SENATOR GRAY

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOUSING. Requires not less than five million dollars of CDBG recovery funding to be allocated for emergency rental assistance if approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (See Act)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2), relative to the Louisiana Recovery Authority;
2	To amend and rechaet R.S. 47.220.3(A)(2), relative to the Louisiana Recovery Authority,
3	to provide relative to housing for victims of disasters; to require funding for
4	emergency rental assistance; to provide for effective date; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§220.5. Louisiana Recovery Authority; powers; duties; functions
9	A. The authority shall have the following powers, duties, and functions:
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11	(2)(a) To propose, implement, and promote the implementation of special
12	programs dedicated to the recovery which may be funded by state or federal funds
13	or other monies, including but not limited to The Road Home Program, the Public
14	Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Program, an Emergency Rental
15	Assistance Program, and the Alternative Housing Pilot Program. Implementation
16	of programs shall be at the direction of the governor.
17	(b) For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, not less than five million dollars of

Community Development Block Grant disaster funding shall be allocated for emergency rental assistance. For purposes of this Paragraph, an "Emergency Rental Assistance Program" shall be a program which provides rental assistance to families expiring out of FEMA's temporary housing programs or HUD's Disaster Housing Program and whose income is less than eighty percent of the area median income and who are not receiving permanent housing vouchers.

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Section 2. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Act, the Louisiana Recovery Authority is hereby authorized and directed to prepare as necessary an Action Plan Amendment for implementing Section 1 of this Act, which Action Plan Amendment shall be submitted for the review and approval of the governor, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and the legislature, as appropriate, all in accordance with the provision of P.L. 109-148, P.L. 109-234, P.L. 110-116, or P.L. 110-329 and in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:220.5, which Action Plan Amendment shall be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its review and approval.

Section 3. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective only if and when such Action Plan Amendment for implementing R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2) as provided in Section 1 of this Act is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Louisiana Recovery Authority shall provide written notification of such approval to the Louisiana Law Institute.

Section 4. Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

## **DIGEST**

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), as part of its power, duty and function, shall propose, implement and promote the implementation of special programs dedicated to the recovery which may be funded by state or federal or other monies, including but not limited to The Road Home Program, the Public Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Program, and the Alternative Housing Pilot Program. Provides that implementation of the programs shall be at the direction of the governor.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Provides that for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, not less than \$5M of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster funding shall be allocated for emergency rental assistance. Provides that an "Emergency Rental Assistance Program" is a program that provides rental assistance to families expiring out of FEMA's temporary housing program or HUD's Disaster Housing Program and whose income is less than 80% of the area median income and who are not receiving permanent housing vouchers.

Requires the LRA to prepare an Action Plan Amendment for implementing <u>proposed law</u> as appropriate within 30 days of enactment. Provides that <u>proposed law</u> will become effective when the Action Plan Amendment is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Amends R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2))